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SUBJECT : EMBASSY MANAMA COMMUNICATIONS

REF : A. RCO BEIRUT SURVEY REPORT DTD 30 MAY 1975

B. RCO BEIRUT OM DTD 14 MARCH 1973 (NOTAL)

1. WE HAVE LEASED (REF SURVEY REPORT) PROPERTY NUMBER 1 (PRIME MINISTER KHALIFA'S PROPERTY) AS A NEW CHANCERY, EFFECTIVE 30 JUNE 1975. ALTHOUGH MOST OF THE NECESSARY MODIFICATION AND RENOVATION OF THE PREMISES WILL BE DONE BY THE LANDLORD, IT IS UP TO US IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS TO MAKE THE PLACE INTO A PROPERLY FUNCTIONING EMBASSY BUILDING. BECAUSE A GREAT DEAL OF OUR FUTURE EFFECTIVENESS HERE DEPENDS ON INSTALLING AND OPERATING PROPER COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, WE WILL NEED YOUR ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE (AND PATIENCE) THROUGH THE MONTHS TO COME.

2. OF IMMEDIATE IMPORTANCE IS INSTALLING A SUITABLE TELEPHONE SYSTEM. OUR PRESENT EQUIPMENT ESTIMATE FOR PHONES WILL REQUIRE SEVEN DIRECT OUTSIDE LINES AND TWENTY-SIX INTERNAL EXTENSIONS
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(INSTRUMENTS). FOUR LINES SHOULD BE DIRECTLY CONNECTED TO

INSTRUMENTS FROM THE OUTSIDE AND THREE CONNECTED TO OTHER EXTENSIONS THROUGH AN INTERNAL INTERCOM TYPE SWITCHBOARD.

3. WE MUST ALSO IMMEDIATELY CONSIDER THE ENTIRE QUESTION OF EMBASSY ELECTRICAL COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF ENDING THE EMBASSY'S DEPENDENCE ON U.S. NAVY COMMUNICATIONS. WE BELIEVE RCO BEIRUT IS WELL AWARE OF CURRENT EMBASSY COMMUNICATION ARRANGEMENTS.

4. WE HOPE TO MOVE THE AMBASSADOR, THE COMMUNICATION STAFF, AND OTHER OFFICERS, INTO THE SECURE PART OF OUR NEW CHANCERY BY AUGUST 15. THE REMAINDER OF OUR STAFF WILL MOVE AS RENOVATION OF THE PREMISES IS COMPLETED WITH TARGET DATE OF DECEMBER 1 TO COMPLETE THE MOVE. RCO BEIRUT AND ATO ATHENS EARLY HELP, THEN, IN ADVISING US AND ASSISTING US IN PROCURING THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT AND TECHNICAL HELP FOR OUR COMMUNICATIONS MOVE IS ESSENTIAL IN GETTING OUR PROJECT OFF THE GROUND.
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